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FOLLOWING IS OUR SUGGESTED VERSION OF NETHERLANDS
NARCOTICS COUNTRY PAPER.

A. ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. NETHERLANDS BECAME A SERIOUS
PROBLEM AREA FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL ONLY IN LATE 1972, ALTHOUGH
CANNABIS PRODUCTS AND AMPHETAMINES WERE OBTAINABLE ON BLACK
MARKET BY PERSONS VISITING AMSTERDAM AND SEVERAL OTHER DUTCH
CITIES. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ILLICIT PROCESSING OF NAR-
COTICS IN NETHERLANDS, BUT THE COUNTRY IS NOW ACKNOWLEDGED
AS A MAJOR TRANSHIPMENT CENTER FOR HEROIN IN EUROPE. AMSTER-
DAM AND ROTTERDAM ARE SIGNIFICANT ENTRY POINTS FOR NARCOTICS
AND DANGEROUS DRUGS INTO EUROPE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT AMSTERDAM AND LARGE NUMBER OF SHIPS
PASSING THROUGH THE TWO PORTS AS WELL AS THE NETHERLANDS'
OPEN FRONTIERS PARTICULARLY WITH BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG.
OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US MILITARY COMMAND IN GERMANY
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HAS BEEN USE OF NETHERLANDS AS TRANSHIPMENT POINT FOR
HEROIN, CANNABIS PRODUCTS AND AMPHETAMINES REACHING US
MILITARY FORCES IN GERMANY.

B. DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS. COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN
WORKED OUT BETWEEN DUTCH, GERMAN AND US AUTHORITIES TO
DEAL WITH DANGEROUS DRUGS TRANSITING NETHERLANDS AND

DESTINED FOR US FORCES IN GERMANY. BELGIUM PASSED TOUGH NEW LEGISLATION IN 1975 AIMED AT DRUG TRAFFICKING, PARTICULARLY ACROSS THE OPEN BORDER BETWEEN BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS. WHILE DUTCH HAVE BEEN TOLERANT OF INDIVIDUAL USE OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS, TOLERANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO TRAFFICKING IN HARD DRUGS. DUTCH PARLIAMENT IN 1976 PASSED LEGISLATION REDUCING PENALTY FOR POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF TRADITIONAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS BUT SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKING IN HARD DRUGS. IN FALL OF 1975, DUTCH CREATED SPECIAL COUNTRY-WIDE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT AS PART OF REVAMPING OF ITS DRUG CONTROL MACHINERY. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON IMPROVED COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH LOCAL POLICE FORCES. IN ADDITION, POLICE ANTI-NARCOTICS PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN AUGMENTED, MANY ILLEGAL ALIENS ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS OFFENSES ARE BEING EXPELLED AND A DUTCH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN BANFKOK.

C. NETHERLANDS IS A SIGNATORY TO SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTICS DRUGS OF 1961 BUT HAS NOT RATIFIED EITHER THE 1972 PROTOCOL TO AMEND THE CONVENTION OR THE 1971 CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES. DUTCH AUTHORITIES HAVE SOMETIMES COOPERATED IN EXPULSION OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHEN REQUESTED BUT THERE IS NO PROVISION IN US-NETHERLANDS EXTRADITION TREATY COVERING NARCOTICS OFFENSES. SINCE 1972 NETHERLANDS HAS CONTRIBUTED 250,000 GUILDERS (\$1.00 NOW EQUALS 2.50 GUILDERS) TO UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN FORM OF SUBSIDY FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MAGAZINE CALLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DRUG DEPENDENCE.

D. US PROGRAMS. THE DEA OFFICE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974 NOW NUMBERS THREE AGENTS. IN-COUNTRY TRAINING OF DUTCH ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WAS CONDUCTED IN 1975 BY BOTH DEA AND CUSTOMS AND IN 1976 BY DEA, AND DEA HAS SCHEDULED FURTHER TRAINING FOR FY-1977. SUCH TRAINING HAS BEEN WELCOMED AS PART OF AN OVERALL PROGRAM INVOLVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL, ORGANIZATIONAL METHODS, LEGISLATION AND TREATMENT. MCCLOSKEY

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